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FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: THE SECRETARY

REF: TOHAK 296

1. WITH RESPECT TO YOUR POINTS ON THE TEST BAN TALKS, MY MAJOR CONCERN IS TO GET THE TALKS STARTED ON THE DATE WE HAVE PROMISED. WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAY 29 AND THE SOVIETS HAVE AGREED TO THAT DATE. THERE ARE ENOUGH TECHNICAL ISSUES FOR US TO DISCUSS IN THE FIRST WEEK TO GIVE US TIME TO WORK OUT OUR POSITION. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO MEET OUR COMMITMENT ON DATES WITHOUT GIVING AWAY OUR POSITION.

2. SECONDLY, I AGREE WITH YOU AND DISAGREE WITH IKLE ON THE SCOPE OF THE TALKS. THEY SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO TECHNICAL ISSUES AND POLITICAL ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE RAISED. STOESSEL SHOULD CHAIR OUR DELEGATION.

3. WITHIN THESE GUIDELINES, SONNENFELDT SHOULD WORK OUT THE TIMING OF THE TALKS WITH DOBRYNIN.

4. WARM REGARDS.

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